### **Introduction to Trees**

Chapter 8

### **Trees in computer science**

- folders/files on a computer
- family genealogy; organizational charts
- AI: decision trees
- compilers: parse tree
   a = (b + c) \* d;
- cell phone T9





## **Towards Non-Linear Data Structures**

- The data structures we have studied so far are linear; an element is followed by exactly one element
- ☐ The data can also be represented in a non-linear fashion
  - An important concept is a family like structure; this structure is called a tree

## Tree

A tree is a hierarchical data structure which consists of a set of nodes connected through edges
 Note: A can be followed by B or C.



## **Terminology** (1)

- Node: is a structure which normally contains a value, e.g. round boxes labeled as D,E, etc.
- Root: the top most node in the tree, e.g. A is root node
- ❑ Child Node: the roots of the subtrees of a node X are the children of X. e.g. B and C are children of A A is parent of B and C

H

E

D

F

G

# **Terminology** (2)

- Terminal nodes (leaf/external):
   nodes that have degree zero.
   OR nodes with no children.
   E.g. D, E
  - Nonterminal/internal nodes: nodes that don't belong to terminal nodes. E.g. B, C



# **Terminology** (3)

- Siblings: children of the same parent are said to be siblings. E.g. B and C are siblings, so is F and G.
- Ancestors of a node: all the nodes along the path from the root to that node. e.g. ancestors of I are I, H, C and A

B	5 2	$\lambda^{c}$
$\mathcal{A}$	$\mathbf{b}$	Л
DH	E F	G $\int_{I}$

## Tree Traversal (1)

U What is traversal?

- Traversal is the facility to move through a structure, visiting each of the nodes exactly once
- □ Which of the following is not traversal?
  - **1**. Bisha  $\Box$  Abaha  $\Box$  Jeddah  $\Box$  Riadh
  - 2. Bisha □ Abaha □ Jeddah □ Bisha □ Riadh (A repeated visit to Bisha not allowed)

## Tree Traversal (2)

- □ Pre-order Traversal
- Post-order Traversal
- □ In-order Traversal
- Notion
  - P: Visit the parent node
  - L: Visit the left subtree
  - R: Visit the right subtree

## **Pre-order Traversal** (1)

#### DPLR, i.e.,

- First, visit the parent node
- Then, visit the left subtree (in pre-order)
- Then, visit the right subtree (in pre-order)



### **Pre-order Traversal** (2)

**Step 1**: root = 40, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = 40) and then right subtree (root = 45)



**Display**: 40

### **Pre-order Traversal** (3)

**Step 2**: root = 30, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = 20) and then right subtree (root = 35)



**Display**: 40 30

### **Pre-order Traversal** (4)

**Step 3**: root = 20, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = null) and then right subtree (root = null)



#### **Display**: 40 30 20

Since node with value 20 is a leaf node, we finished traversing this subtree (root = 20), which is a left subtree of node with value 30. So, in the next step we'll traverse the right subtree of 30. 13

### **Pre-order Traversal** (5)

**Step 4**: root = 35, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = null) and then right subtree (root = null)



#### **Display**: 40 30 20 35

Since node with value 35 is a leaf node, we finished traversing this subtree (root = 35), which is a right subtree of node with value 30. So, in the next step we'll traverse the right subtree of 40. 14

### **Pre-order Traversal** (6)

**Step 5**: root = 45, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = null) and then right subtree (root = 60)



#### **Display:** 40 30 20 35 45

Since node with value 45 has no left subtree but a right subtree (root = 60), in the next step we'll traverse this subtree (root = 60).

### **Pre-order Traversal** (7)

**Step 6**: root = 60, so display it, then traverse its left subtree (root = null) and then right subtree (root = null)



**Display:** 40 30 20 35 45 60

Finished!

## **Pre-order Traversal** (8)

- In a preorder traversal, a node is visited before its descendants
- **<u>Application</u>**: print a structured document



## **Post-order Traversal** (1)

#### LRP, i.e.,

- First, visit the left subtree (in post-order)
- Then, visit the right subtree (in post-order)
- Then, visit the parent

#### **Post-order Traversal** (2)

Step 1:



**Display**: 20

#### **Post-order Traversal** (3)

Step 2:



#### **Display:** 20 35

#### **Post-order Traversal** (4)

Step 3:



#### **Display:** 20 35 30

### **Post-order Traversal** (5)

Step 4: Note that the node with value 45 has no left subtree!



**Display:** 20 35 30 60

#### **Post-order Traversal** (6)

Step 5:



**Display:** 20 35 30 60 45

### **Post-order Traversal** (7)

#### Step 6:



**Display:** 20 35 30 60 45 40

Finished!

## **Post-order Traversal** (8)

- In a postorder traversal, a node is visited after its descendants
- <u>Application</u>: compute space used by files in a directory and its subdirectories



## **In-order Traversal** (1)

#### LPR, i.e.,

- First, visit the left subtree (in in-order)
- Then, visit the parent
- Then, visit the right subtree (in in-order)

### **In-order Traversal** (2)

#### Step 1:



**Display**: 20

### **In-order Traversal** (3)

Step 2:



#### **Display:** 20 30

### **In-order Traversal** (4)

**Step 3**:



**Display:** 20 30 35

### **In-order Traversal** (5)

#### Step 4:



#### **Display:** 20 30 35 40

### **In-order Traversal** (6)

Step 5:



**Display:** 20 30 35 40 45

### **In-order Traversal** (7)

Step 6:



**Display:** 20 30 35 40 45 60

## Example

The order in which the nodes are visited during a tree traversal can be easily determined by imagining there is a "colored flag" attached to each node, as follows:



## **Binary tree**

- A binary tree is the most common kind of tree
  - Each node in a binary tree has at most two link instance variables
  - A binary tree must satisfy the Binary Search Tree Storage Rule
- The root of the tree serves a purpose similar to that of the instance variable head in a linked list
  - The node whose reference is in the **root** instance variable is called the *root node*
- The nodes at the "end" of the tree are called *leaf nodes* 
  - Both of the link instance variables in a leaf node are null

## **Binary Search Tree Property**

- All the values in the left subtree must be less than the value in the root node
- All the values in the right subtree must be greater than or equal to the value in the root node
- This rule is applied recursively to each of the two subtrees
  - Stored keys must satisfy the *binary search tree* property.
    - »  $\forall$  y in left subtree of x, then key[y] ≤ key[x].
    - »  $\forall$  y in right subtree of x, then key[y] ≥ key[x].

## **Binary tree Example**

A Binary Tree



# **Binary tree coding**

#### public class BinaryTree {

private int value; private BinaryTree leftChild; private BinaryTree rightChild; public BinaryTree getLeftSubTree() {
return(leftChild);

```
// constructor
public BinaryTree(int x, BinaryTree I, BinaryTree r) {
    value = x;
    leftChild = I;
    rightChild = r;
    // accessors
    public int getValue() {
    return(value);
    // accessors
    return(value);
    // accessors
    // accessor
```

}

## **Binary Tree Prorder Traversal**

- In preorder, the root is visited *first*
- Here's a preorder traversal to print out all the elements in the binary tree:

```
public void preorderPrint(BinaryTree bt) {
    if (bt == null) return;
        System.out.println(bt.value);
        preorderPrint(bt.leftChild);
        preorderPrint(bt.rightChild);
}
```



## **Binary Tree Inorder Traversal**

- In inorder, the root is visited in the middle
- Here's an inorder traversal to print out all the elements in the binary tree:

```
public void inorderPrint(BinaryTree bt) {
    if (bt == null) return;
    inorderPrint(bt.leftChild);
    System.out.println(bt.value);
    inorderPrint(bt.rightChild);
}
```



## **Binary Tree Postorder Traversal**

- In postorder, the root is visited *last*
- Here's a postorder traversal to print out all the elements in the binary tree:

```
public void postorderPrint(BinaryTree bt) {
    if (bt == null) return;
    postorderPrint(bt.leftChild);
    postorderPrint(bt.rightChild);
    System.out.println(bt.value);
}
```

